

Source Protection Committee

Meeting Summary

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING

March 28, 2019 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

SPC Renewal

- Staff provided the committee with details of the process for recruiting new members to the SPC and encouraged current members to reapply by April 29, 2019.
- Committee members provided comments about the process, and expressed concern related to the potential loss of a significant amount of knowledge should current members not re-apply.

SPC Chair Meeting with MECP

- Chair, J. Hunt recapped the SPC Chairs meeting with MECP, held in March.
- Chair Hunt noted that there was discussion regarding the focus of the DWSP Program on human health versus economics, and discussion related to the need for MECP to expand the DWSP Program to northern communities, and related challenges.

Upgrades to Norwood Drinking Water System

- Otonabee-Peterborough SPA (O-P SPA) staff provided an overview of the recent upgrades to the Norwood Drinking Water System (NDWS), and an update on the status of the proposed Amendments to the Trent Source Protection Plan required as a result of these changes as per Section 34 of the *Clean Water Act*.
- Several SPC members had submitted comments and questions about the proposed amendments as part of the consultation process, and a summary was provided, including the responses.
- O-P SPA staff confirmed that as a result of the changes to the NDWS, the areas where specific activities can be a drinking water threat has changed and is reflected in the proposed amendments to the Trent Source Protection Plan, Explanatory Document and Assessment Report.
- The delineation of vulnerable areas (wellhead protection areas) and their associated vulnerability scores determine the areas where specific activities can be a drinking water threat. The changes to the NDWS required that the vulnerable area delineation and scores be updated, and as a result of improved modelling techniques, and access to more recent data, the proposed wellhead protection area and vulnerability scores for the Norwood DWS are different than the previous. This information is included in the proposed amendments.
- The SPC endorsed the proposed amendments to the Trent SPP and AR, and directed staff to initiate the public consultation process. Pending the conclusion of the public comment period, the required documentation for the Section 34 Amendment will be submitted to MECP for review and approval.

Annual Progress Report

- Staff provided overview of the 2018 Annual Progress Report for information, noting staff report to be sent out the following week with more details. Staff provided summary of progress:
 - a. Ministry reporting: still progressing well

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- b. TCC policy reporting: still progressing well
 - c. E&O reporting: still progressing well.
 - d. Ganaraska SPP indicated that 100% of policies have been implemented: progressing well.
- SPC members did have questions related to certain numbers, and status of integration of source protection into official plans by municipalities. These were typographical errors that were immediately corrected.
 - Staff indicated that the integration of Source Protection Plan policies into official plans is in process, but not yet complete.

Spills Action Centre Presentation

- Theresa Ip from the Spills Action Centre (SAC) provided an overview of SAC operations and how they are linked to the Drinking Water Source Protection Program. The presentation included two case studies, outlined the reporting process and provided details about the legislated duty to report.
- Theresa provided overview of the SAC resources – mapping, modelling, national support, etc., and the technical support available (environmental monitoring branch, lab services).
- Committee members commented on the need for further E&O for municipalities regarding emergency response for spills.

TransNorthern Pipeline Presentation

- Ryan Wheeler of Shearwater Environmental Emergency Solutions Inc. delivered a presentation on the TransNorthern Pipeline's emergency response and preparedness strategies, detailing how spills may impact source water and the procedures in place for prevention.

Next Meeting

- Next SPC Meeting date not yet confirmed